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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"May I know if there is a rule in the Local Self-Government Department that in the case of grants to the local bodies the local bodies will have to bear two-thirds of the total cost, and the Government will pay one-third ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—"The Government gives half the amount and the local board gives half the amount."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"Will the Government consider the question of the feasibility of granting two-thirds of the total cost and ask the local bodies to contribute one-third, in view of the fact that last year many of the grants lapsed because the local bodies could not meet their portion of the costs ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—"There were no lapses. The question whether the Government may give two-thirds of the cost will be considered in connexion with the grants to village panchayats."

Agricultural Loans

Summary recovery of loan granted to Mr. Chattukutti Nayar.

*677 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the loan of Rs. 2,500 granted to one V. Chattukutti Nayar under the Agricultural Loans Act and Land Improvements Loans Act, has been ordered to be recovered summarily, by the Revenue Divisional Officer of Tellicherry in spite of the fact that the work for which the loan was sanctioned had progressed and was nearing completion ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the order of recovery is issued and sought to be executed when the said Chattukutti Nayar is still in jail as a political prisoner;

(c) whether it is a fact that the order of summary recovery of the said loan is made because the said grantee has taken part in the satyagraha movement;

(d) if not, what is the reason for ordering such summary recovery of the same ;

(e) whether the said Chattukutti Nayar appealed to the District Collector against the order of the Revenue Divisional Officer impeaching the veracity of the report made against him by the tahsildar ;

(f) how the appeal was disposed of by the District Collector and on what grounds ; and

(g) whether a copy of the appeal and the order will be placed on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) to (g) The Government have not the information.

Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar :—"May I know whether the Government will be pleased to call for information in connexion with this matter ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I don't think it is necessary for the Government to call for information at this stage. There does not seem to be sufficient interest in this question, and the person affected, Mr. Chattukutti Nayar, has a remedy in appeal to the Board of Revenue, if he is dissatisfied with the order of the District Collector."